

“My Place in His Story”

1 Corinthians 10:1-6

Introduction

- David said, “From my mother’s womb you chose me!”
- Generic choosing
- Specific choosing

Option #1

- God predestined me to be a part of His story.
- Prohoridzo- Decide beforehand
- Horidzo- Know beforehand
- If He knows beforehand, does He place beforehand
- God foreknowing or putting into place

Option #1

- (Acts 2:23) “By the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God.
- Jesus struggled in the garden, He said I lay down my life myself. NO one takes it.
- Because He (GOD) knew it , but He(GOD) did not make it happen
- God lives in the eternal present!!!

Option #1

- (Romans 8:29) Predestined to be conformed.
- God can know what free agents freely choose to do.
- (John 13:26) Jesus prophesied that Judas would betray, Judas did so in John 18:2-5.
- Did He make him?

Option #1

- (1 Peter 1:2) Elected by the foreknowledge of God.
- Did they have a choice?
- Why am I preaching if I cannot make a difference.

Will of God

- Ideal Will (2 Peter 3:9)
- (Conditional Will (Heb. 2:3; 2 Th. 1:5-10, John 3:16)
- Ultimate Will (2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27; Mt. 25:31-46)
- God cannot directly will evil on anyone (James 1:13-18)

Option #2

- God's providence helped me to be a part of His story.
- We will look at 4 views.

Miraculous View

- (1 Corinthians 13:8-13)
- Limited to 1st Century

Deistic View

- God made the world, wound it up and walked off.
- No answer to prayers.
- Not going to change the perfect pre-decided will of God.

Providential View

- God is going to work through natural laws, and only through natural laws.
 - Our phrases reveal some theology
 - Guide, guard and protect us.
 - Be with the _____(physician, nurse)
 - Protect us on our journey.
 - Ready recollection

*We are asking God to intervene.

Alternate (Biblical?) View

- We realized that a biblical miracle is the action of God in the public arena.
 - Water to wine
 - Lazarus from dead
 - Lame man walking
- What about the action of God in the private realm.
 - (2 Cor. 4:14-5:7)

Alternate (Biblical?) View

- Case Study 1 (Genesis 45:4-10)
- Case Study 2 (Esther 4:12-17)
- This is a God thing!
- God's eyes are open to the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers.







Conclusion

- God is so big that he can know what I am going to choose without overriding my freedom of choice!
- God's ability to know does not eliminate by ability to choose.